



December 2020

King's School

Consultation on admissions arrangements for entry to the school in September 2022

The Russell Education Trust ('RET') is the admissions authority for King's School. The Local Governing Body consider changes to the school's admissions policy and consult on these. Following consultation, the Governors report to RET on the outcome of the consultation and make recommendations before RET determine the final admissions policy.

The Local Governing Body of King's School are now consulting on the admissions arrangements for entry to Year 7 from September 2022 and the Sixth Form from September 2023.

This consultation follows the procedure set by the Admissions Code 2014 ('The Code') and gives the local community the opportunity to provide their views on these proposed admission arrangements.

This consultation relates to proposed clarification and amendment of the following oversubscription criteria:

Siblings

The intention of our sibling criterion is to enable families to attend King's School. To make this objective clearer, we propose to amend the current wording to clarify the status of priority for siblings and at what point this will be assessed in the admissions process. This is particularly important where a sibling is in Year 11 and their place in Sixth Form will be subject to meeting the academic entry criteria and course requirements. This uncertainty should not disadvantage a younger sibling in their own application.

As such, the wording has been updated make clear that our sibling criterion applies to all siblings who are *on the roll* of the school in *any year group* at the *time of application*.

It is also proposed that the additional priority of siblings of the founding Year 7 cohort, regardless of where they live, is removed from this criterion as there are no longer any students on roll from this cohort whose siblings could benefit.

Children of Staff

Our 'Children of staff' criterion already prioritises the children of staff who have been employed at the school for two years at the time of application. We are clarifying the wording to make it clear that such staff are employed by RET rather than directly by the school.

In line with the wording set out at 1.39 b) of the Code, we also intend to expand this criterion to include the children of staff who are “*recruited to fill a vacant teaching post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage*” (which will be determined by the Headteacher with the Chair of Governors and CEO of RET).

The rationale for this addition is to take account of the challenging recruitment climate for teaching staff and to continue to encourage high quality applications for vacant posts, safeguard the outstanding education of our students and to support the recruitment and retention of staff who are committed to the school’s ethos and its continued development and success.

A copy of the proposed policy for admission to Year 7 from September 2022 is enclosed with this consultation document.

Sixth Form Policy

The proposed changes set out in this consultation to the ‘Sibling’ and ‘Children of Staff’ criterion will also apply to our Sixth Form Policy.

A copy of the proposed policy for admission to the Sixth Form from September 2023 is enclosed with this consultation document.

We are keen to hear views from the local community who are likely to be affected by the proposed changes and are consulting interested parties in accordance with the Code.

For schools, if appropriate and by whatever means you feel most suitable, please make the parents/carers of children in your school aware that this consultation is taking place.

The statutory six-week consultation period will run from Tuesday 8th December 2020 to Tuesday 19th January 2021.

Please send any responses for the attention of Eleanor Edwards, Business Manager, to admissions@kingsschoolhove.org.uk or in hard copy to Eleanor Edwards, King’s School, Hangleton Way, BN3 8BN.

A paper copy of the consultation documents can be requested from the school and are available on the school’s website <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/>